

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-723-C - ORDER NO. 95-1462 ✓
AUGUST 23, 1995

IN RE: Application of Switched Services)	ORDER
Communications, L.L.C. for a Certificate)	DENYING
of Public Convenience and Necessity to)	REQUEST TO
Operate as a Reseller of Telecommuni-)	WAIVE HEARING
cations Services within the State of)	
South Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Switched Services Communications, L.L.C. (Switched Services or the Applicant) that the hearing scheduled in this matter be waived and that its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be approved.

In its letter requesting the waiver of the hearing, the Applicant states that it will neither market nor sell its telecommunications customers in South Carolina. The Applicant states that it will act as the underlying carrier for two customers, IXC Long Distance, Inc. and Excel Telecommunications, Inc. The Applicant also offers in support of its request to waive the hearing that there are no Intervenorors in this Docket.

The Commission's Rules and Regulations governing practice and procedure before the Commission require a public hearing on an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

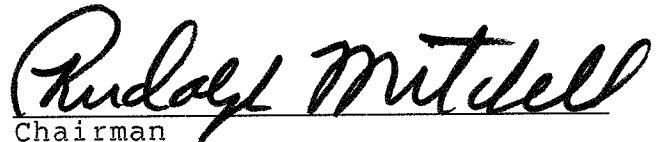
26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-821(3)(c) (1976). Waiver of the Commission Rules and Regulations may be granted in case where compliance with the rules and regulations produces unusual hardship or difficulty and where the Commission finds that such a waiver is in the public interest. 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-803 (1976). There has been no showing by the Applicant that a hearing in this matter would cause unusual difficulty or hardship. Furthermore, the Commission believes and so finds that a hearing on the instant Application is in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission denies the Applicant's request to waive the hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Applicant's request to waive the hearing in this matter is denied.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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